



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1655

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For: COSMETIC PRODUCTS COMPATIBLE WITH CUTANEOUS ECOLOGY AND
METHODS FOR THEIR USE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the September 8, 2006 Office Action, the reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 12, 16, 18-20, 23 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,508,034 to Bernstein. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Conventionally, as shown by Bernstein and U.S. Patent No. 5,886,041 to Yu et al. (Yu) cosmetic or dermatological products are manufactured like any other pharmaceutical product, of (1) an active ingredient or component, i.e., the "active principle," and (2) a vehicle, i.e., the "excipient." The active principle is the separable part that exerts a beneficial action or result on an exterior portion of the human body, for example the skin. The excipient functions to confer to the product final, often stabilizing form to facilitate delivery of the